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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 763
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Martha A. Burton on being selected the Metropolitan School System 2000-2001 High School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, citizens who follow the noble calling of teaching our youth, work hard, are extraordinarily diligent and dedicated, and serve as excellent role models; these exemplary educators are deserving of special recognition and commendation by the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Martha A. Burton, who has been doubly honored as the Metropolitan Nashville School System 2000-2001 Teacher of the Year and as the Pearl-Cohn Comprehensive Business Magnet High School 1999-2000 Teacher of the Year, is clearly one such exemplary individual; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tazewell, Virginia, Martha George was born on April 1, 1947, the daughter of Ann Blythe (Alexander) and William George, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1969 from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University with a major in Management Housing and Family

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Development. Mrs. Burton also earned her high school teaching certification, with a focus on Vocational-Home Economics; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 1969, Mrs. Burton enrolled in the Master of Social Work Program at the University of Tennessee at Nashville, where she met her future husband, Roderic N. Burton. They were married on July 3, 1970; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, she received her Master of Science degree in Psychology as a participant in the Child Development Specialist program at George Peabody College for Teachers; and

WHEREAS, this fine educational professional began her outstanding teaching career in 1970; she first worked in the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service Expanded Nutrition Education program and, in the fall of that year, she served as an assistant teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Day Care Center; and

WHEREAS, from 1971-1976, Mrs. Burton was an instructor, teaching Child Care at the Nashville Area Vocational and Technical School (Tennessee Technology Center-Nashville); and

WHEREAS, from 1977-1978, she expertly trained Family and Group Day Home Providers for the George Peabody College for Teachers Project Outreach for Providers Program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burton next served admirably as a Child Development Specialist for the Metropolitan-Nashville General Hospital Maternal and Infant Care Program from 1978-1988; and

WHEREAS, prior to assuming her present teaching position, she served with distinction as a consultant and trainer in 1988 and as the Director of the Kindergarten Child Care Development Center in Hermitage from 1988-1990; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, Pearl-Cohn has been fortunate to have Mrs. Burton as their Careers With Children teacher; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her other duties , she has served adroitly as a Master Teacher for the Service-Learning for At-Risk Youth Program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burton has generously contributed her time and leadership to many worthwhile organizations, including meritorious service as an advisor to the Family, Community and Career Ladders of America (FCCLA) Program, previously known as the Future Homemakers of America; as the 1998-1999 Pearl-Cohn High School Junior Class sponsor; as a 1999-2000 Core Team Member of Youth Alive and Free; as the 1999-2000 Pearl-Cohn Senior Class sponsor; as a Parliamentarian Advisor for the Metropolitan Nashville Subregion FHA; as a member of the Tennessee Education Association, the National Education Association, and the Metropolitan Nashville Education Association Professional Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burton has received numerous additional honors including being awarded Career Ladder II Status in 1994; the Careers with Children program which is noted for its outstanding curriculum and her superb instruction has been honored as the Tennessee Association Teachers Of Family and Consumer Sciences' Program of the Year and Tennessee Association for Career and Technical Education's Vocational Program of the Year and has received from the Summer Collaborative Institute the "High Schools That Work" distinction; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burton also received the 1999 Metro Subregion Future Homemakers of America Master Advisor Award; and was chosen as the co-recipient of an Educational Edge Mini-Grant for Language Development; and

WHEREAS, her marvelous record of influencing countless young persons in a positive manner is deserving of special recognition by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mrs. Martha A. Burton on being named the 2000-2001 Metropolitan Nashville Pubic School System High School Teacher of the Year and the 1999-2000 Pearl-Cohn Comprehensive Business Magnet High School Teacher of the Year.

We further express our deep appreciation to Mrs. Burton for her many contributions to her students and to quality education throughout Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.